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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Twining
General Taylor
Admiral Burke
General White
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Subject: Berlin Situation (Possible Takeover
by East Germans).

Enclosure: Draft Message to USCINCEUR.

The attached draft message to USCINCEUR on the above subject, which has been prepared by J-3, is submitted for consideration at your meeting on 21 November.

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FROM: JCS
TO: USCINCEUR
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FROM JCS. NOFORN

1. Statements of Khrushchev and Gromyko to effect that all Soviet control functions in Berlin and East Germany are shortly to be turned over to GDR pose immediate problem which we must face in that GDR probably will not feel bound by any existing quadripartite agreements. Political implications this situation now being considered on governmental level.
2. U.S. Ambassador Bonn has set forth instructions governing guidance to be furnished U.S. civilians (including dependents) who are traveling from West Germany to Berlin through check points manned by Soviets and East Germans and indicate intention to amend these instructions should East Germans completely replace Soviets at check points. It is noted that CG USAREUR is issuing similar instructions to U.S. autobahn check point officials and to U.S. train commanders.
3. With reference to situation presented in paragraph 1 above, your views and recommendations are requested on:

- a. Travel by military personnel by autobahn and rail between West Germany and Berlin and between the U.S. and Soviet zones of Berlin.

b. Anticipated problems incident to continued air travel between West Germany and Berlin and the control of air traffic in the Berlin area, on the assumption that no special air lift will be inaugurated.

c. Any other pertinent matters to include arrangements for the continued functioning of the municipal, commercial and logistic machinery of Berlin.